



Discipleship is Something You Do

Sunday, November 5, 2023 AVBC

Q: What can I do to nurture someone else to maturity in Christ?

1. _____ a Christ-like life.

...I try to please everyone in everything I do, not doing what I like or what is best for me but what is best for them, so that they may be saved. And you should follow my example, just as I follow Christ's. (1 Cor. 10:33b-11:1a)

-1 Thess. 2:7b-9, 11-13

You teach what you _____ but you reproduce what you _____.
(Howard Hendricks)

2. Commit to a few _____ relationships.

A friend is always loyal, and a brother is born to help in time of need.
(Proverbs 17:17)

Q: Lord, at this point in my life, who do you want me to nurture?

3. Be a _____ person to talk to.

-Proverbs 11:13, Proverbs 16:28

Love forgets mistakes. Nagging about them parts the best of friends.
(Proverbs 17:9)

-1 Peter 5:6-11

The LORD is a safe place for the oppressed—a safe place in difficult times. Those who know your name trust you because you have not abandoned any who seek you, LORD. (Psalm 9:9-10) (CEB)

4. Become a spiritual “_____”.

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another...(Hebrews 10:24-25a)

Paul and Silas then returned to the home of Lydia, where they met with the believers and encouraged them once more before leaving town. (Acts 16:40)

-1 Thess. 5:11

-Proverbs 27:17

-Deuteronomy 3:27-28

DIGGING DEEPER

(For use in personal/family devotions or with your care group)

Q1: Who are some people that “impress” you? Who are some people who have had a deep/lasting “impact” on your life? What makes those 2 kinds of people different?

Q2: Study I Timothy 1:18-20. What do these verses teach us about both the positives and the negatives of striving to nurture someone?

Q3: Has someone helped disciple you? If so, describe how they helped you grow in your walk with the Lord.

Q4: Study Proverbs 1:20-27. What warnings does this passage give about resisting godly instruction and counsel?

Q5: Pastor David quoted Howard Hendricks who said, “You teach what you know but you reproduce what you are.” Do you agree or disagree? Explain.

Q6: Read II Timothy 1:3-5. What place does our family have in training us? Did your parents and/or grandparents pour into your spiritual development? If so, how?

Q7: Read II Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14. How did Timothy’s spiritual “father”, Paul, encourage him regarding his life and service for Christ?

Q8: Is there someone in your life that God is calling you to help disciple in an intentional way? What is the first step you can take towards a nurturing relationship?